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To Whom It May Concern,

I have recently been made aware of a disturbing developement at the Food and Drug Administration in regards to the labeling of irradiated foods. Under pressure from food manufacturers and supporters of the nuclear industry, the FDA is considering a rule that would remove labeling requirements for food treated with irradiation. This is bad for consumers.

Despite the fact that the FDA has determined irradiation safe for food, I and many consumers disagree, and do not want to eat food treated with irradiation. It changes texture, taste, nutritional value and chemical composition. It creates a new class of radiolytic products not tested for safety on humans and will create new volumes of radioactive waste which will plague or nation. Furthermore, there are no long term studies on the health effects of irradiated foods.

This is a clear issue of consumers needing the right to know what is in our food and how it is processed. We should know if our food is treated with radiation, one of the most deadliest substances known to man. Please continue clearly labeling irradiated food with the "Radura" symbol and a statement indicating it was treated with irradiation.

Sincerely,

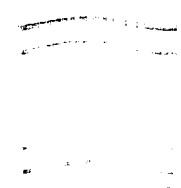
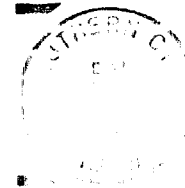
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